

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1(currently amended). A composition comprising polyvinyl alcohol, sodium chloride, water and at least one additive ; wherein the composition has a basic pH.

2(currently amended). A composition comprising a combination comprising polyvinyl alcohol, at least one silicon containing foam suppressant, water, at least one water soluble silicate and sodium chloride ; wherein the composition has a basic pH.

3(original). The composition of Claim 1 wherein the water comprises naturally occurring salt containing water.

4(original). The composition of Claim 2 wherein the water comprises naturally occurring salt containing water.

5(original). The composition of Claim 1 further comprising at least one water soluble silicate.

6(previously presented). The composition of Claim 2 wherein said at least one water soluble silicate comprises sodium silicate.

7(cancelled).

8(cancelled).

9(currently amended) The composition of Claim 1 wherein said composition further comprises [at least one of] vinyl acetate [and copolymers thereof].

10(currently amended). The composition of Claim 1 wherein said composition further comprises [at least one] vinyl acetate [emulsion].

11(previously presented). A composition comprising a combination comprising polyvinyl alcohol, at least one silicon containing foam suppressant, water, and sodium chloride and wherein the composition has a basic pH.

12(currently amended). A composition comprising polyvinyl alcohol, sodium chloride, water and at least one additive and mixtures thereof; [The composition of Claim 1] wherein the amount of water is at least about 70 wt.%.

13(previously presented). The composition of Claim 1 wherein the composition further comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of defoaming agents, anti-microbial agents, surfactants, anti-freeze, dyes and thickeners.

14(previously presented). The composition of Claim 1 wherein the composition is substantially free of toxic components.

15(new). The composition of Claim 11 further comprising sodium silicate.

16(new). The composition of Claim 12 further comprising sodium silicate.